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SUBJECT: Cotton Thomas mining area reclamation and proposed new area to be permitted.

Dear Mr. Kunzler

Thank you for working with us and giving us the opportunity to respond to your concerns about our operations at Cotton Thomas. We have gone over our mining plan and are addressing your concerns in five areas:

- Area one: Area to be Reclaimed (refer to map #1)

This area, identified on map #1 in yellow is the area to be reclaimed during the summer of 2003. This area is estimated to be approximately 9 acres. The indicated area will be regraded and reseeded with DOGM approved seed mixture and distribution ratio. Please provide us your recommended seed mix and distribution ratio.

- Area two: Post Mine Use Roads (refer to map #2)

In order to provide adequate use of my property, several roads are required and would still be required post mining. Some of these roads were approved for post mining use in the past and we respectfully request that you add all of the road segments marked in

use in the past and we respectfully request that you add all of the road segments marked in yellow on map #2 to the approved post mine use roads for Cotton Thomas Quarry area. Area encompassed in roads is estimated to be approximately 10 acres.

- Area three: Topsoil Salvage and Storage Areas (refer to map #3)

You have requested that we salvage and store topsoil. Areas marked in red on map #3 are areas where topsoil will be salvaged from. We estimate an excess of 5,000 cubic yards of salvageable topsoil from this area. The area marked in yellow is where we will store the topsoil. The storage spot is in an old mined out section of the Autumn Gold quarry where the soil can remain undisturbed for years. This location will be advantageous for future reclamation purposes. The red area where the soil will be salvaged from is also where we anticipate future mining activity.

- Area four: Realigned Road (refer to map #4)

The road from the Little Heart Intersection down to 400 yards below camp is on a grade that is difficult for trucks to negotiate driving during adverse weather conditions. We request permission to realign the road in order to facilitate better use and access in the area. The abandoned segment of road will be reclaimed as soon as the realigned segment is completed. We expect no net disturbance impact from the realignment.

- Area five: New Area to be Permitted (refer to map #5)

The manner in which the deposit is situated upon the mountain dictates to some extent the method by which mining should occur. As we continue to mine, we are forced to continually reposition our expected future mining areas. The areas indicated on map #5 are the new areas we anticipate mining during the upcoming five year period. We request that these proposed areas be approved and added to our current mining plan. The estimated acreage is 19 acres.

With 19 new proposed disturbed acres and 19 acres to be reclaimed, including 10 acres of post mine use roads and 9 acres of reclaimed ground we have a net disturbance of zero acres.

Our proposed new disturbed area	+19
Area to be reclaimed	- 9
Area to be added to the approved post mining use area	<u>-10</u>
	0 net disturbance

We respectfully request that these alterations be approved and that no additional bonding be required. If you have any questions, concerns or comments regarding these proposals please feel free to contact me.

Kindest regards



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